

IC 20-28-4**Chapter 4. Transition to Teaching Program****IC 20-28-4-1****"Program"**

Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "program" refers to the transition to teaching program established by section 2 of this chapter.

As added by P.L.1-2005, SEC.12.

IC 20-28-4-2**Establishment**

Sec. 2. The transition to teaching program is established to accomplish the following:

- (1) Facilitate the transition into the teaching profession of competent professionals in fields other than teaching.
- (2) Allow competent professionals who do not hold a teaching license to earn and be issued a teaching license through participation in and satisfactory completion of the program.

As added by P.L.1-2005, SEC.12.

IC 20-28-4-3**Program; development and administration**

Sec. 3. Subject to the requirements of this chapter, the department shall develop and administer the program. The department shall determine the details of the program that are not included in this chapter.

As added by P.L.1-2005, SEC.12. Amended by P.L.246-2005, SEC.150.

IC 20-28-4-4**Program; requirements**

Sec. 4. Each accredited teacher education school and department in Indiana shall establish a course of study that constitutes the higher education component of the program. The higher education component required under this section must comply with the following requirements:

- (1) Include the following study requirements:
 - (A) For a program participant who seeks to obtain a license to teach in grades 6 through 12, up to eighteen (18) credit hours of study or the equivalent that prepare a program participant to meet Indiana standards for teaching in the subject areas corresponding to the area in which the program participant has met the education requirements under section 5 of this chapter, unless the program participant demonstrates that the program participant requires fewer credit hours of study to meet Indiana standards for teaching.
 - (B) For a program participant who seeks to obtain a license to teach in kindergarten through grade 5, twenty-four (24) credit hours of study or the equivalent, which must include at least six (6) credit hours in teaching reading, that prepare

a program participant to meet Indiana standards for teaching, unless the program participant demonstrates that the program participant requires fewer credit hours of study to meet Indiana standards for teaching.

(2) Focus on the communication of knowledge to students.

(3) Include suitable field or classroom experiences if the program participant does not have teaching experience.

As added by P.L.1-2005, SEC.12. Amended by P.L.246-2005, SEC.151.

IC 20-28-4-5

Participants; qualifications

Sec. 5. An individual who wishes to participate in the program must have one (1) of the following qualifications:

(1) For a program participant who seeks to obtain a license to teach in grades 6 through 12, one (1) of the following:

(A) A bachelor's degree or the equivalent with a grade point average of at least three (3.0) on a four (4.0) point scale from an accredited institution of higher education in the subject area that the individual intends to teach.

(B) A graduate degree from an accredited institution of higher education in the subject area that the individual intends to teach.

(C) Both:

(i) a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution of higher education with a grade point average of at least two and five-tenths (2.5) on a four (4.0) point scale; and

(ii) five (5) years professional experience;

in the subject area that the individual intends to teach.

(2) For a program participant who seeks to obtain a license to teach in kindergarten through grade 5, one (1) of the following:

(A) A bachelor's degree or the equivalent with a grade point average of at least three (3.0) on a four (4.0) point scale from an accredited institution of higher education.

(B) Both:

(i) a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution of higher education with a grade point average of at least two and five-tenths (2.5) on a four (4.0) point scale; and

(ii) five (5) years professional experience in an education related field.

As added by P.L.1-2005, SEC.12.

IC 20-28-4-6

Program participants; initial standard license; requirements

Sec. 6. The department shall grant an initial standard license to a program participant who does the following:

(1) Successfully completes the higher education component of the program.

(2) Demonstrates proficiency through a written examination in:

(A) basic reading, writing, and mathematics;

(B) pedagogy; and
(C) knowledge of the areas in which the program participant is required to have a license to teach;
under IC 20-28-5-12(b).

(3) Participates successfully in a beginning teacher internship program under IC 20-6.1-8 (repealed) that includes implementation in a classroom of the teaching skills learned in the higher education component of the program.

(4) Receives a successful assessment of teaching skills upon completion of the beginning teacher internship program under subdivision (3) from the administrator of the school where the beginning teacher internship program takes place, or, if the program participant does not receive a successful assessment, continues participating in the beginning teacher internship program.

As added by P.L.1-2005, SEC.12. Amended by P.L.246-2005, SEC.152.

IC 20-28-4-7

Restricted initial standard license

Sec. 7. This section applies to a program participant who has a degree described in section 5 of this chapter that does not include all the content areas of a standard license issued by the department. The department shall issue an initial standard license that is restricted to only the content areas in which the program participant has a degree unless the program participant demonstrates sufficient knowledge in other content areas of the license.

As added by P.L.1-2005, SEC.12. Amended by P.L.246-2005, SEC.153.

IC 20-28-4-8

Program participant school corporation employee; qualified instructor in subject area

Sec. 8. A school corporation may hire a program participant to teach only in the subject area in which the participant meets the qualifications set forth under section 5 of this chapter.

As added by P.L.1-2005, SEC.12.

IC 20-28-4-9

Participant; renewal of initial standard license

Sec. 9. After receiving an initial standard license under section 6 or 7 of this chapter, a program participant who seeks to renew the participant's initial standard license must meet the same requirements as other candidates for license renewal.

As added by P.L.1-2005, SEC.12.

IC 20-28-4-10

Rules

Sec. 10. (a) The advisory board may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to administer this chapter.

(b) Rules adopted under this section must include a requirement that accredited teacher education schools and departments in Indiana submit an annual report to the department of the number of individuals who:

(1) enroll in; and

(2) complete;

the program.

As added by P.L.1-2005, SEC.12. Amended by P.L.246-2005, SEC.154.